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1. (U) ICRC HELD AN INFORMAL MEETING 2/17 WITH WORKING-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR DONOR COUNTRIES TO PRESENT ADVANCE INDICATION OF PROJECTED FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN CY-1983. AS NOTED IN REFTEL, ICRC HAS DEVELOPED FULL-YEAR BUDGETS WHEREVER POSSIBLE, A DEPARTURE FROM PAST PRACTICE OF ISSUING APPEALS FOR THREE- OR SIX-MONTH PERIODS. ADVANCE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO GENEVA MISSIONS IS IN THE FORM OF A SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROGRAM GOALS AND BUDGETS. COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING MORE DETAILED NARRATIVES, BUDGET BREAKDOWNS BY LINE ITEM, COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR CY-1982 APPEALS AND CY-1982 DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS, ETC., WILL BE PROVIDED TO GENEVA MISSIONS IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT UPON RECEIPT.

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2. (LOU) IN INTRODUCING 1983 PROGRAM, ICRC DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS MICHEL CONVERS STRESSED THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ICRC PROTECTION ACTIVITIES. CONVERS STATED THAT ALTHOUGH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RELIEF ASSISTANCE ARE GENERALLY QUICK TO MATERIALIZE (VIZ, THE LEBANON APPEAL), GOVERNMENTS APPEARS LESS INCLINED TO RESPOND TO ICRC'S FINANCIAL NEEDS TO CARRY ON ITS PROTECTION ACTIVITIES UNDER THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS.

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NOTING THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE THE ESSENCE OF THE ICRC'S WORK, CONVERS MADE A PARTICULAR APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IRAN/IRAQ PROGRAM, WHICH HAD A SFR. 6 MILLION DEFICIT IN 1982. AS OUTLINED BY CONVERS, THAT PROGRAM IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SITUATION WHERE ICRC'S PRESENCE PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTIONS UNDOUBTEDLY HAS SAVED HUNDREDS OF LIVES, AND DESERVES MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM DONORS.

3. (U) TEXT OF SUMMARY ICRC DOCUMENT FOLLOWS:

A) AFGHAN CONFLICT VICTIMS

- TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO ALL PRISONERS HELD BY ANY OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT:

- TO MAINTAIN THE MEDICAL PROGRAM OF WAR SURGERY, E.G. SURGICAL HOSPITAL AT PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN, REHABILITATION OF WAR WOUNDED AND EVACUATIONS;

- TO TRAIN AFGHAN NURSES IN FIRST AID AND PROVIDE LIMITED MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WORKING FOR THE BENEFIT OF AFGHAN CONFLICT VICTIMS.

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B) AFRICA

ANGOLA

- TO PROTECT AND ASSIST PRISONERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY;

- TO CONTINUE AND, IF THE SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS, TO EXPAND PROTECTION, RELIEF AND MEDICAL SERVICES TO PERSONS DISPLACED AS A RESULT OF THE FIGHTING IN THE PLANALTO REGION.

SOUTHERN AFRICA

- TO CONTINUE AND EXTEND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA (RSA), NAMIBIA AND LESOTHO;

- TO PURSUE EFFORTS TO START PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN THE HOMELANDS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE, ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA AND MALAWI;

- TO PROVIDE, IF NECESSARY, MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS VISITED, TO NEEDY FAMILIES OF PRISONERS AND TO NEEDY PRISONERS RECENTLY RELEASED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH

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AFRICA AND NAMIBIA:

- TO STUDY WITH THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED EVENTUAL
RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN RELATION WITH THE INTERNAL SITUATIONS
IN MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE:

- TO IMPLEMENT THE DELIVERY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR
THE BENEFIT OF WAR-DISABLED IN ZIMBABWE AND TO RUN AN
ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER IN MOZAMBIQUE.

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HORN OF AFRICA/CHAD AND ZAIRE

TO CONTINUE AND EXTEND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN
BURUNDI, CHAD, SOMALIA, SUDAN AND ZAIRE;

TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS TO UNDERTAKE PROTECTION
ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA, KENYA AND UGANDA;

TO PROVIDE COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL RELIEF TO POWS
IN CHAD, ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, SUDAN AND TO DETAINEES IN
ZAIRE AND BURUNDI;

TO CONTINUE AND DEVELOP RELIEF FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED
BY CONFLICTS IN ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, SUDAN AND ZAIRE;

TO RUN THE TWO NEW REHABILITATION CENTERS FOR
CIVILIAN DISABLED IN ERITREA AND HARARGHE (ETHIOPIA).

WESTERN AFRICA

TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS TO START PROTECTION
ACTIVITIES IN GHANA;

TO CARRY OUT MISSIONS TO BENIN, GAMBIA, GUINEA

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BISSAU, MALI AND NIGERIA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN NECESSARY
AUTHORIZATION TO VISIT THOSE DETAINED FOR SECURITY REASONS;

TO LAUNCH MEDICAL AND SANITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
IN FAVOR OF DETAINEES IN ORDER TO AMELIORATE HEALTH
PROBLEMS IN GENERAL AND HYGIENIC CONDITIONS IN PARTICULAR.

1983 APPEAL FOR THE WHOLE OF AFRICA: SFR. 66,5000,000

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C) EL SALVADOR

- TO MAINTAIN THE RHYTHM OF WEEKLY VISITS TO THE MAIN CENTERS OF DETENTION SITUATED IN THE CAPITAL, TO INTENSIFY THE RHYTHM OF VISITS TO DETENTION CENTERS LOCATED IN THE DEPARTMENTS AND CONFLICT ZONES, AND TO CONTINUE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN FAVOR OF SOLDIERS CAPTURED BY THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN);

- TO PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE TO SOME 89,000 DISPLACED PERSONS;

- TO ITENSIFY THE RHYTHM OF MEDICAL VISITS TO PROVIDE OUT-PATIENT SESSIONS FOR SOME 30 VILLAGES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE SALVADOREAN RED CROSS;

- TO CONTINUE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE BLOOD COLLECTION CENTER ADMINISTERED BY THE EL SAVLADOR RED CROSS SOCIETY.

1983 APPEAL: SFR. 21,800,000.

D) IRAN/IRAQ

- TO VISIT REGULARLY POW CAMPS, TO ESTABLISH CAPTURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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- CARDS AND TO TRANSMIT CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN POWS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

- TO CONTINUE THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO POWS WHICH INCLUDES DISTRIBUTIONS OF CLOTHING AND HYGIENIC ARTICLES AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL AND LEISURE MATERIAL;

- TO REPATRIATE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND SICK POWS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES;

- TO CARRY OUT SURVEYS AMONG POPULATIONS WHERE NEEDS ARE REPORTED, IN PARTICULAR MONG DISPLACED PERSONS AND IN OCCUPRED TERRITORIES, AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ASSISTANCE WHEN NECESSARY.

1983 APPEAL: SFF. 28,200,000.

E) KAMPUCHEA/THAILAND

KAMPUCHEA

- TO NEGOTIATE THE AUTHORIZATION TO VISIT PRISONERS CAPTURED DURING THE FIGHTING AND PERSONS ARRESTED AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY;

- TO SURVEY PROVINCES AFFECTED BY THE EVENTS, TO

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SUPPLY REQUIRED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CONCENTRATING ON WAR
EMERGENCIES AND SURGICAL ACTIVITIES;

- TO PROVIDE RELIEF GOODS TO ORPHANAGES:

- TO MAINTAIN A WEEKLY AIRLINK BETWEEN BANGKOK AND PHNOM PENH.

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TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE TO
PRISONERS IN THE HANDS OF KHMER MOVEMENTS AND VIETNAMESE
PRISONERS HELD IN VARIOUS DETENTION CENTERS ALONG THE
BORDER AND IN ARANYAPRATHET PRISON;

TO PROTECT AND ASSIST CIVILIAN VIETNAMESE LAND
REFUGEES (VNLR) LIVING ALONG THE BORDER;

TO EXTEND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES TO POWS;

TO WORK WITH THE THAI RED CROSS AND OTHER NATIONAL
SOCIETIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE TRACING AND MAILING
SERVICE FOR THE "BOAT PEOPLE";

TO MAINTAIN THE WAR-SURGERY PROGRAM ALONG THE
THAI/KAMPUCHEA BORDER BY 2 SURGICAL TEAMS PROVIDED BY
NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES IN KHAO-I-DANG AND 1 SURGICAL
TEAM AT KAB CHERNG;

- TO CONTINUE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO VARIOUS BORDER
CAMPS AND TO EVACUATE WOUNDED FROM THE BORDER BY A MOBILE
MEDICAL TEAM;
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- TO PROVIDE RELIEF ASSISTANCE FOR VLNR, PRISONERS
AND, THROUGH THE THAI RED CROSS, TO THE AFFECTED THAI
POPULATION IN THE BORDER AREA.

1983 APPEAL: SFR. 16,240,000.

F) LEBANON

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- TO PURSUE REGULAR VISITS TO INSAR CAMP FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY;

- TO VISIT ALL DETENTION CENTERS AND TO GAIN ACCESS TO ALL PRISONERS OF WAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 AND OTHER DETAINEES ACCORDING TO ICRC STANDARD CRITERIA;

- TO ASSIST IN TRANSFER OF MEDICAL CASES, REPATRIATIONS AND FAMILY REUNIONS;

- TO MAINTAIN MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR AS LONG AS NEEDS EXIST, IN PARTICULAR ONE SURGICAL TEAM IN THE BEKAA VALLEY
 TO REINFORCE THE PRESENT MEDICAL STRUCTURE AT THE BAALBECK HOSPITAL, TO SURVEY OTHER HOSPITALS IN THE AREA AND TO BE READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY;

TO GIVE ASSISTANCE TO DETAINEES, THEIR FAMILIES AND SOME VULNERABLE GROUPS WHOSE PARTICULAR NEEDS ARE NOT MET BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

1983 APPEAL: SFR. 18,000,000.

G) POLAND
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TO PURSUE EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO PERSONS DETAINED AS A RESULT OF THE EVENTS;

TO SUPPLY ESSENTIAL MEDICAMENTS UNOBTAINABLE IN POLAND, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL DIETARY FOODS FOR CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CELIACA, DIABETES AND TUBERCULOSIS;

- TO SUPPLY MONTHLY PARCELS OF SPECIAL BABY FOOD FOR NEW-BORN BABIES AND MONTHLY PARCELS OF HIGH PROTEIN FOOD FOR THE AGED, HANDICAPPED AND SICK PERSONS;

- TO PROVIDE 6,000 PAIRS OF SHOES PER MONTH, HALF OF THEM FOR CHILDREN.

FUNDS APPEALED FOR : SFR. 18,300,000

CASH STILL NEEDED : SFR. 17,340,000

H) SUMMARY OF CASH REQUIREMENT

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| AFRICA | 66,500,000 |
| EL SALVADOR | 21,800,000 |
| IRAN/IRAQ | 28,200,000 |
| KAMPUCHEA/THAILAND | 16,240,000 |
| LEBANON | 18,000,000 |
| POLAND | 17,340,000 |
| TOTAL: | 175,980,000 |

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